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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _21 July 2009_.
2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**.   2b)☒ This action is non-final.
3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) _1-20_ is/are pending in the application.
     4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6)☒ Claim(s) _1-20_ is/are rejected.
7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.
     Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
     Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
     a)☐ All   b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:
     1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
     2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
     3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
     * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1)☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2)☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3)☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
     Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4)☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5)☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6)☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1.   Claims 1-20 have been examined.

Response to Amendment

2.   This action is in response to the Amendment filed 7/21/2009. This action is non-

Final.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that

form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being aniticipated by

Alvesalo ("Alvesalo", US 2003/0222899).

As per claim 1, Alvesalo teaches method, comprising:

assembling in a first column a plurality of objects of a slide that are to be

displayed successively one after the other when a multimedia presentation is played on

a communication or computing terminal having a display device [0025]-[0026], and

also assembling in a second column any and all objects of the slide that are to be

displayed in parallel with and side-by-side with any of the objects of the first column

when the presentation is played ([0021] parallel and [0025]-[0026]); and

displaying at the same time the first and second column side-by-side on the

display device in the same horizontal arrangement as the objects will be displayed when

the presentation is played, for editing by a user [0025]-[0026].

FIG. 4
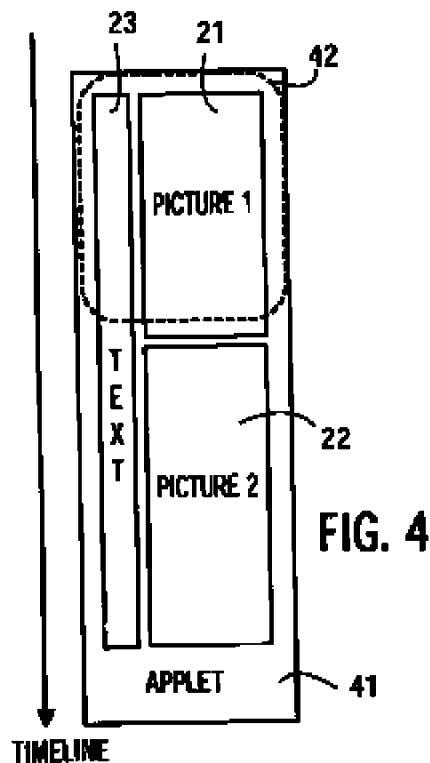
As per claim 2, Alvesalo teaches a method as in claim 1, wherein the multimedia

presentation is for communication as a multimedia message service message ([0004]).

As per claim 3, Alvesalo teaches a method as in claim 1, wherein a synchronized

multimedia integration language is used to prescribe how the multimedia presentation is

to be played, and the objects in the first column displayed for editing are the objects

included in a sequential time container within a parallel time container of a code

fragment according to the synchronized multimedia integration language
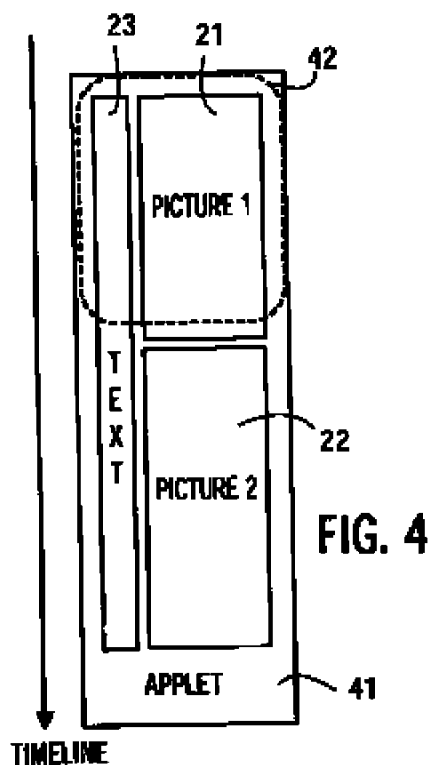
FIG. 4

Claim 4 is similar in scope to that of claim 1 and is therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Claims 5 and 11 are similar in scope to that of claim 1 and are therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Claim 6 is similar in scope to that of claim 2 and is therefore rejected under similar rationale.
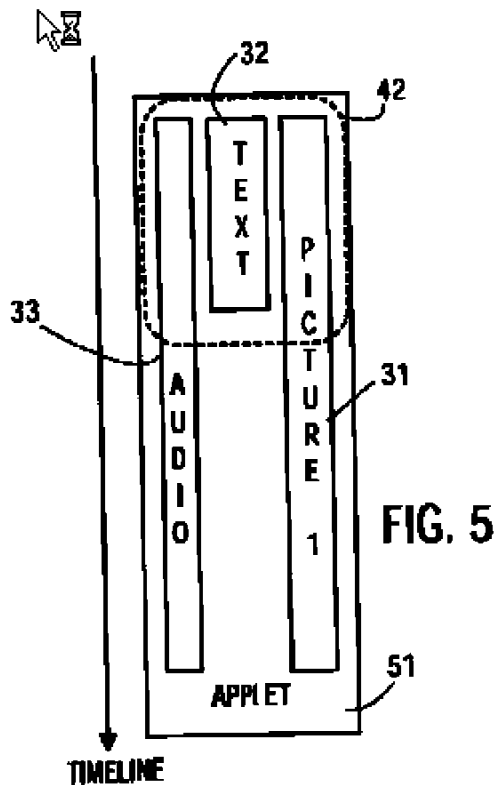
Claim 7 is similar in scope to that of claim 3 and is therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Claim 8 is similar in scope t o that of claim 1 and is therefore rejected under similar rationale.

As per claim 9, Avesalo teaches a method as in claim 1, wherein the second column includes only one object, which is to be displayed continuously when the

presentation is played (Figure 4 above timeline or see figure 5 below audio and picture

FIG. 5

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Claim 10 is similar in scope to that of claim 9, and is therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Claim 12 is similar in scope to that of claim 2 and is therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Claim 13 is similar in scope to that of claim 2 and is therefore rejected under similar rationale.

As per claim 14, Avesalo teaches a telecommunications network including a

plurality of telecommunications terminals at least one of which includes an apparatus

according to claim 11 ([0018] communication network).

Claim 15 is similar in scope to that of claim 9, and is therefore rejected under

similar rationale

As per claim 16, Avesalo teaches a method as in claim 1, wherein the method

further comprises receiving a signal from the user containing information that the user

would like to prescribe one or more properties for an image being displayed in an edit

mode ([0026]).

As per claim 17, Avesalo teaches a method as in claim 1, wherein the method

further comprises presenting the user with a dialog box in which the user is able to

provide one or more properties for an image to be displayed, including to indicate the

duration the image is to be displayed ([0024] adjust the time allocated and defining

durations).

As per claim 18, Avesalo teaches a method as in claim 17, wherein the method

further comprises generating a code based on the one or more properties ascribed to

each image and the arrangement of objects on the display device in an editor mode,

including where the code is based on a synchronized multimedia integration language ([0004] SMIL).

As per claim 19, Avesalo teaches a method as in claim 1, wherein the method further comprises generating a code assuming a default duration for a slide into time segments of the same duration for each image, including where the code is based on a synchronized multimedia integration language ([0004] SMIL).

As per claim 20, Avesalo teaches a method as in claim 1, wherein the method further comprises presenting the user with a text editor by which the user can provide a code for a slide, including referring to images either based on names associated with each and included in respective properties of the images, or based on an order in which the images appear on the display device in an edit mode, and also including where the code is based on a synchronized multimedia integration language ([0004] SMIL and [0007])).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-20 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to RYAN F. PITARO whose telephone number is (571)272-4071. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00am - 5:30pm Mondays through Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dennis Chow can be reached on 571-272-7767. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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